

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending.

The specification has been amended to incorporate by reference the International application from which the present application is based, and the claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies in order to reduce the filing fee.

In view of the foregoing, early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger W. Parkhurst", written in a cursive style.

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